

City of Boston In City Council

March 25, 2009

ORDER OF COUNCILOR STEPHEN J. MURPHY

- WHEREAS: Andrew Square Garage serves as home base for taxis associated with the Independent Taxi Owners Association (ITOA); and
- WHEREAS: the garage is closing due to sale and transfer approximately 40 medallions and employs approximately one hundred and twenty five people; and
- WHEREAS: The one hundred and twenty five people include day drivers, night drivers, mechanics, managers and others who will be directly or indirectly affected by its closing; and
- WHEREAS: the Boston Police Department Hackney Division issues taxi medallions and is responsible for regulating the taxi industry in Boston; and
- WHEREAS: it is the opinion of the affected employees that the taxi industry in Boston has become over-regulated and that the over-regulation is one of the main reasons for the owners decision to sell the garage and the accompanying medallions; and
- WHEREAS: Cities and towns across the Commonwealth and our nation are dealing with massive job loss and the effects of an economic recession; and
- WHEREAS: Due to the economic conditions which exist on the national, state and local level, it is important to pay particular attention to jobs that may be saved in our city; and
- THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council convene a hearing to explore the sale of the Andrew Square garage and taxi medallions associated with it; the effect of the sale on the employees of the garage; and possible issues pertaining to regulation of the taxi industry.